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SUBJ: CIEC: CONCLUSION OF FIRST SESSION OF COMMISSION MEETINGS;
SWISS VIEWS ON OUTCOME

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1. AMBASSADOR JOLLES TOLD THE ECON/COM COUNSELOR THAT THE SWISS ARE QUOTE FAIRLY SATISFIED UNQUOTE WITH THE RESULTS OF THE FIRST ROUND OF COMMISSION MEETINGS AND HOPEFUL THAT A PROPER WORKING RELATIONSHIP CAN BE DEVELOPED. NONETHELESS, HE CHARACTERIZED THE SITUATION AS VERY FRAGILE. A STRONG EFFORT BY ALL THE PARTIES WILL BE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO KEEP MOVING IN THE DIRECTION ESTABLISHED DURING THE FIRST ROUND. HE IS ENCOURAGED THAT SUCH AN EFFORT WILL BE MADE AND WILL SUCCEED BECAUSE THE TRANSITION TO THE SUBSTANTIVE STAGE OF A DIALOGUE HAD TAKEN PLACE WITHOUT MAJOR DIFFICULTIES. SO FAR, HE SAID, PEOPLE ARE SPEAKING TO EACH OTHER AND NOT JUST AS SPOKESMEN FOR FIXED POSITIONS. THE 19, HAVING PRESENTED THEIR DOCUMENT, WERE WILLING TO GO ON AND HELP ORGANIZE AND AGENDA FOR A SERIES OF MEETINGS WHICH WOULD LEAD TO FACTUAL ANALYSIS AND A SETTING OF PRIORITIES WITH CONSIDERABLE FLEXIBILITY AS TO HOW AND IN WHAT ORDER ISSUES WOULD BE TACKLED.

2. JOLLES SAID HIS OWN VIEW IS A COMPOSITE OF TWO RATHER DIFFERENT REACTIONS EXPRESSED BY THE SWISS DELEGATES WHO ATTENDED THE MEETINGS IN PARIS. ONE GROUP WAS QUITE OPTIMISTIC, BELIEVING THAT THE DIALOGUE IS A GOING CONCERN AND THAT ITS PURPOSE IS UNDERSTOOD AND ACCEPTED. A SECOND GROUP HAD CONCLUDED THAT AS SOON AS SUBSTANCE IS REALLY ATTACKED, UNCTAD METHODS WILL PREVAIL AND CONFRONTATION IS LIKELY TO RESULT.

3. PRIOR TO THE NEXT ROUND, JOLLES BELIEVES THE DC'S SHOULD TRY TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE OBJECTIVES OF THE ENTERPRISE AND WHAT THE RESULT IS SUPPOSED TO BE. ANOTHER IMPORTANT PROBLEM IS THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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DIALOGUE TO ACTIVITIES IN OTHER FORUMS, AND IN PARTICULAR UNCTAD IV. ONE QUESTION IS WHETHER THE 19, IN ORDER TO PRESERVE SOME FREEDOM OF ACTION, HAVE TO DEMONSTRATE EARLY RESULTS. IF SO, HOW SHOULD THE DC'S RESPOND? SHOULD THE DC'S TRY TO BE HELPFUL OR SIMPLY REFUSE TO BE PRESSED? JOLLES IS INCLINED TO THINK THAT THE DIALOGUE, SINCE IT IS NOT MEANT TO LEAD TO A SPECIFIC LEVEL OF AGREEMENT ON SPECIFIC ISSUES BY

A CERTAIN TIME, SHOULD NOT BE USED IN THIS WAY. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF NO RELATIONSHIP CAN BE ESTABLISHED OR ACKNOWLEDGED THE 19 COULD BE FORCED INTO INTRANSIGENT POSITIONS.

4. ANOTHER ISSUE IS THE QUESTION OF PARALLELISM AMONG THE 4 COMMISSIONS. IS IT IN THE INTEREST OF THE DC'S TO PROMOTE PARALLELISM IN THE HOPE THAT THIS WOULD BRING THE LDC'S TO A CLEARER REALIZATION OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE AREAS UNDER CONSIDERATION IN THE COMMISSIONS? IF THERE IS TOO MUCH PARALLELISM THIS INTERRELATIONSHIP COULD BE USED TO HOLD BACK PROGRESS IN ONE AREA IN THE ABSENCE OF PROGRESS IN ANOTHER, A GAME THAT COULD BE PLAYED BY BOTH SIDES.

5. JOLLES SAID HE WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN THE USG APPRAISAL OF THESE FIRST MEETINGS. MAY WE DRAW ON USOECD PARIS 05273 IN RESPONDING TO THIS REQUEST?.
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